

Summaries of Government Operations-Related Bills Passed During the 2008 General Session

H.B. 2 New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

This bill:

- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides appropriations for other purposes as described;
- ▶ provides intent language;
- ▶ approves employment levels for internal service funds;
- ▶ approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds;
- ▶ authorizes rates and fees.

H.B. 3 Appropriations Adjustments *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 and beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides funds for the bills with fiscal impact passed in the 2008 General Session;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described;
- ▶ provides intent language;

H.B. 4 State Agency and Higher Education Compensation Amendments *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government. The bill funds compensation changes for state and higher education employees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the compensation of state and higher education employees not including school district personnel;
- ▶ provides for a 3% cost of living allowance for state and higher education employees not including school district personnel;
- ▶ provides for an additional 2% cost of living allowance for state employees not including school district personnel contingent upon changes in health benefit plans;
- ▶ adjusts funding for changes in health plans offered to state employees not including school district personnel contingent upon such changes;
- ▶ provides funding for a 9.9% increase in the premiums charged for higher education employee health benefits;
- ▶ provides funding for an increase in the cost of retirement for certain employees;
- ▶ adjusts funding for changes in the cost of Workers' Compensation;
- ▶ provides funding for a 3% contract increase for certain contract service providers.

H.B. 5 Revenue Bond, Capital Facility, and Property Acquisition Authorizations

(Rep. K. Garn)

This bill authorizes certain state agencies and higher education institutions to issue revenue bonds, build capital facilities using agency or institutional funds, transfer capital facilities monies between funds, or acquire or exchange property.

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds by the State Building Ownership Authority and the State Board of Regents;
- ▶ authorizes other capital facility construction to be funded from agency or institutional funds;
- ▶ authorizes the transfer of certain higher education capital facilities monies from one fund to another; and
- ▶ authorizes the acquisition or exchange of certain state property.

*** H.B. 26 Notary Public Revisions** *(Rep. G. Donnelson)*

This bill modifies the Notaries Public Reform Act by amending provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ amends the definition of "satisfactory evidence of identity" to provide that personal identification includes a passport, or other identification issued by the United States government, any state within the United States, or a foreign government, and that a driving privilege card is not satisfactory evidence of identity;
- ▶ eliminates requirements for a notary's address to appear on the notary's seal;
- ▶ provides that a notary's change of address must be given to the lieutenant governor; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** H.B. 27 Lieutenant Governor Powers - Administration of Oaths** *(Rep. G. Donnelson)*

This bill modifies the State Officers and Employees title by amending powers of the lieutenant governor.

This bill:

- ▶ allows the lieutenant governor and designated employees to administer oaths.

2nd Sub. H.B. 29 Election Law - Financial Reporting *(Rep. B. Daw)*

This bill modifies election financial reporting provisions in the Election Code, the Municipal Code, and Title 17, Counties.

This bill:

- ▶ requires municipalities and counties to make campaign finance disclosure statements that are filed by candidates for elective office available for public copying and inspection no later than the working day following the date of filing;
- ▶ requires municipalities and counties to either:
- ▶ post an electronic copy or the contents of the disclosure statement on the municipality's or county's website and provide the link to the lieutenant governor's office; or
- ▶ submit a copy of the statement for posting on the lieutenant governor's campaign finance disclosure website;
- ▶ expands the regulation of political issues committees to include committees that receive contributions or make expenditures in relation to local ballot issues, instead of only statewide ballot issues;
- ▶ expands the regulation of political action committees to include committees that receive

- contributions or make expenditures to influence the election of a candidate for county or municipal office;
- ▶ clarifies definitions;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to make campaign finance disclosure statements available for public copying and inspection no later than the working day following the date of filing;
- ▶ provides a statutory requirement for the lieutenant governor to post campaign finance disclosure statements on the Internet;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to post each campaign finance statement that is provided by a municipality or a county on its website; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** H.B. 43 Allowance of Polling Places for Early Voting** *(Rep. G. Donnelson)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending provisions for the location of early voting polling places.

This bill:

- ▶ amends early voting polling place location provisions to permit the election officer to use a nongovernment building or office for a polling place if there is no government building or office available that meets certain requirements; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** H.B. 44 Declaration of Candidacy Revisions** *(Rep. G. Donnelson)*

This bill modifies election provisions in Title 17B, Limited Purpose Entities - Local Districts.

This bill:

- ▶ changes the dates for filing a declaration of candidacy for local district board positions to be consistent with the filing dates required for municipal office candidates.

*** H.B. 63 Recodification of Title 63 State Affairs in General** *(Rep. D. Aagard)*

This bill modifies Title 63, State Affairs in General, by recodifying and renumbering the content of the title to other parts of the code.

This bill:

- ▶ renumbers and moves almost all chapters in Title 63 to different or new titles, chapters, and parts of the code;
- ▶ creates new titles into which many chapters of Title 63 are renumbered and moved;
- ▶ renumbers and moves several other chapters to related titles of the code;
- ▶ amends cross-references to coincide with renumbering of sections;
- ▶ repeals certain redundant provisions; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 103 Use of State Alternative Fuel Network *(Rep. F. Hunsaker)*

This bill modifies provisions of the Administrative Services Code relating to the public purchase of compressed natural gas through the state's fuel network.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the Division of Fleet Services may allow certain private individuals and entities to purchase compressed natural gas through the state's fuel network under certain circumstances;
- ▶ authorizes the division to create rules to establish guidelines for the private use of

- ▶ compressed natural gas through the state's fuel network; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 107 Emergency Management Administrative Council *(Rep. C. Oda)*

This bill modifies the Emergency Management Act by amending the name, membership, and duties of the Disaster Emergency Advisory Council to the Emergency Management Administration Council.

This bill:

- ▶ changes the name of the Disaster Emergency Advisory Council to the Emergency Management Administration Council;
- ▶ expands its duties to include coordination with both state and local government agencies on government emergency prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery actions and activities;
- ▶ changes the membership of the council;
- ▶ requires the council to coordinate with existing emergency management entities;
- ▶ allows the council to create additional committees and task forces as needed; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 126 Election Law - Ballot Proposition Amendments *(Rep. C. Johnson)*

This bill modifies ballot proposition numbering requirements under the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ requires that the certified ballot titles of ballot propositions or ballot questions be submitted to the election officer before a set time before each election;
- ▶ requires that proposed constitutional amendments appearing on a ballot be identified by a letter of the alphabet;
- ▶ provides that bond issues on the ballot are identified by a title as provided according to procedures in Title 11, Chapter 14, Local Government Bonding Act;
- ▶ requires that all state and local ballot propositions, including opinion questions, state and local initiatives, state and local referendums, and other ballot issues appearing on the ballot, be identified by a unique number assigned by the lieutenant governor;
- ▶ provides that numbers for ballot propositions be assigned by the lieutenant governor in the order that each number request is received;
- ▶ provides procedures for determining whether similar ballot issues should be assigned the same number;
- ▶ eliminates duplicate references; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

2nd Sub. H.B. 127 Community Council Elections *(Rep. K. Sumsion)*

This bill modifies the Utah Strategic Planning Act for Educational Excellence by amending provisions for the election of members of school community councils.

This bill:

- ▶ adds provisions for conducting elections of members of school community councils by secret ballot;
- ▶ requires the principal of the school, or the principal's designee, to provide notice of the election and the available community council positions at least 14 days before the date of the election;

- ▶ provides that the principal of the school, or the principal's designee, oversee the election for parent or guardian members of the council;
- ▶ requires that ballots for parent or guardian members be deposited in a secure ballot box; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

1st Sub. H.B. 141 Identity Theft Reporting Information System Amendments (Rep. D. Aagard)

This bill amends provisions and establishes an identify theft program and database in the Office of the Attorney General.

This bill:

- ▶ amends provisions in the Government Records Access and Management Act to provide protected status to all information collected in relation to the Identity Theft Reporting Information System established in the Office of the Attorney General;
- ▶ establishes the Identity Theft Reporting Information System (IRIS) program in the Office of the Attorney General;
- ▶ states the purposes of the IRIS program;
- ▶ establishes a database to store information related to the reporting, investigation, and resolution of identity theft reports filed under the IRIS program;
- ▶ provides requirements for the format, contents, and administration of the IRIS database;
- ▶ provides that the Department of Technology Services shall maintain, administer, and make rules in relation to use of the database, with the approval of the Office of the Attorney General;
- ▶ provides criminal penalties for unlawful access or misuse of information in the IRIS database; and
- ▶ makes technical amendments.

H.B. 182 Deadline for Voting Precinct Designation (Rep. G. Hughes)

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending the deadline to modify voting precincts.

This bill:

- ▶ changes the date by which a county legislative body must designate voting precincts from February 1 on a regular general election year to January 1 on a regular general election year.

H.B. 185 Western States Presidential Primary Amendments (Rep. K. Grover)

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code that relate to procedures for Utah's Western States Presidential Primary.

This bill:

- ▶ changes the registration deadline for Utah's Western States Presidential Primary from seven days before the election to the same date used by other elections;
- ▶ provides that, consistent with the regular primary election, a voter may not change party affiliation during the 30 day period before the Western States Presidential Primary;
- ▶ provides that voting procedures for the Western States Presidential Primary shall mirror voting procedures for regular primary elections;
- ▶ changes the date of the canvass for the Western States Presidential Primary from seven days after the election to seven to 14 days after the election; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

1st Sub. H.B. 202 Employee Benefit Amendments *(Rep. J. Dougall)*

This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by allowing the transfer of certain members' defined benefit balance to a defined contribution plan, by adding certain employees who may elect to be excluded from membership in the public employees retirement systems.

This bill:

- ▶ defines certain terms;
- ▶ allows certain elected state officials and certain appointed executives and senior staff to elect to have the members' defined benefit balance transferred from the defined benefit system or plan to a defined contribution plan;
- ▶ allows certain employees to be excluded, upon written request, from future coverage under the Public Employees' Contributory Retirement System and the Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement System, including employees of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, employees of the governor's offices, and employees of the state treasurer and state auditor; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 231 Local Voter Information Pamphlet Amendments *(Rep. D. Aagard)*

This bill requires local voter information pamphlets to be prepared for all ballot propositions and advances the filing deadlines for submitting arguments relating to the proposals.

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies the definition of "ballot proposition";
- ▶ requires local voter information pamphlets to be prepared for all ballot propositions;
- ▶ advances the deadline for filing a request to submit an argument relating to the ballot proposition from 45 days before the election to 50 days; and
- ▶ advances the deadline for submitting an argument relating to the ballot proposition from 30 days before the election to 45 days.

H.B. 238 Campaign Finance Filing Requirements *(Rep. G. Hughes)*

This bill modifies the Election Code, the Utah Municipal Code, and provisions related to counties in order to amend certain requirements for compliance with election-related financial reporting provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ requires strict compliance for filing deadlines when a petition is brought to the district court regarding compliance with campaign and judicial retention election finance reporting provisions;
- ▶ requires the election filing officer to provide each person that files a valid declaration of candidacy with a copy of current campaign financial disclosure laws and to inform the person that failure to comply will result in disqualification as a candidate and removal of the person's name from the ballot;
- ▶ requires the person filing, in the declaration of candidacy, to promise to file all financial disclosure reports as required by law and to acknowledge that failure to do so will result in the person's disqualification for the office and removal of the person's name from the ballot; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 250 Public Employee Benefit Approval Provisions *(Rep. J. Dougall)*

This bill modifies the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act by amending provisions related to the determination of state employee insurance benefits.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program (PEHP) to provide the Legislature with its recommended benefit adjustments for state employees; and
- ▶ requires that PEHP determine benefits and rates based on the total estimated costs and the employee premium shares established by the Legislature.

H.B. 261 Local District Primary Elections *(Rep. K. Morgan)*

This bill modifies the Limited Purpose Local Government Entities -- Local District title by amending provisions related to the election of local district board members.

This bill:

- ▶ allows rather than prohibits a primary election for local district board members;
- ▶ provides that the primary election may only be held if:
 - the election is authorized by the local district board; and
 - the number of candidates for a particular local board position exceeds twice the number of persons needed to fill that position;
- ▶ provides certain procedures for conducting the primary election; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 296 Voting Machines Used by Municipalities *(Rep. N. Hansen)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending provisions governing costs that may be charged by an entity for administering certain elections.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that costs assessed by a county clerk or a municipal clerk in relation to a municipal election or a bond or leeway election may not exceed the actual cost to the county clerk or municipal clerk assessing the fees or charges;
- ▶ provides that costs assessed by a county clerk to a municipality for a municipal election may not exceed the actual costs incurred by the county clerk; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

1st Sub. H.B. 309 Election Information Amendments *(Rep. J. Dougall)*

This bill modifies the Election Code to permit an alternative method of publishing election results and to require an addition to the voter information pamphlet.

This bill:

- ▶ requires election results to be published on the county's website;
- ▶ requires that the voter information pamphlet include, for each referendum qualified for a ballot, a copy of the law being submitted to the voters;
- ▶ permits the voter information pamphlet to be distributed to each household in the state instead of being distributed by newspaper; and
- ▶ changes the dates for providing the voter information pamphlet.

H.B. 310 Absentee Ballot Revisions *(Rep. D. Aagard)*

This bill modifies the Election Code that relates to the form of absentee ballots.

This bill:

- ▶ removes the requirement to print the words "absentee ballot" on an absentee ballot or on

- ▶ the stub of an absentee ballot; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

1st Sub. H.B. 354 Appraisals for State Land Purchases *(Rep. J. Draxler)*

This bill modifies the School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act, the Utah Natural Resources Act, the Utah Administrative Services Code, and the Transportation Code by requiring certain rulemaking provisions for the purchase or sale of real property.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Facilities Construction and Management, and the Utah Department of Transportation to make rules to establish procedures for determining that the value is congruent with the proposed price and other terms of the purchase, sale, or exchange;
- ▶ allows the rules to require an appraisal and to require that the appraisal be completed by a state-certified general appraiser; and
- ▶ provides exceptions for real property with an estimated value below a certain limit.

S.B. 1 State Agency and Higher Education Base Budget Appropriations *(Sen. L. Hillyard)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

This bill:

- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides appropriations for other purposes as described;
- ▶ approves employment levels for internal service funds;
- ▶ approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds.

S.B. 3 Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act *(Sen. L. Hillyard)*

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described;
- ▶ provides intent language.

S.B. 4 General Obligation Bond Authorization *(Sen. S. Jenkins)*

This bill authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for certain capital facilities and repeals obsolete authorizations.

S.B. 5 Executive Compensation Revisions *(Sen. C. Bramble)*

This bill increases compensation for the state's constitutional officers and adds two positions to

the list of appointed executives.

This bill:

- ▶ increases compensation for the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state treasurer, and state auditor;
- ▶ provides that the state auditor's salary is 95% of the governor's salary;
- ▶ adds the executive directors of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Utah Sports Authority to the list of appointed executives whose salary is governed by the appointed executives' compensation plan; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

*** S.B. 12 Election Law Modifications** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ consolidates provisions for calculating time when dates of interest fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday;
- ▶ consolidates the date for the lieutenant governor's certification of candidates, ballot measures, and other matters to a single date;
- ▶ modifies the date for circulation of the voter information pamphlet to accommodate the early voting period;
- ▶ removes outdated ballot formatting requirements;
- ▶ provides alternative deadlines for submissions to the voter information pamphlet to accommodate voter information pamphlets issued for elections other than the regular general election;
- ▶ modifies language to clarify differences between a statewide voter information pamphlet and a local voter information pamphlet;
- ▶ modifies inaccurate references to reporting years for campaign finance reports;
- ▶ clarifies certain definitions; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** 1st Sub. S.B. 13 Candidate Residency Requirements** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code by establishing residency requirements for state and local boards of education.

This bill:

- ▶ establishes residency requirements for state and local boards of education;
- ▶ provides that residency requirements for local boards of education are effective for elections held after the 2008 general election; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** 1st Sub. S.B. 21 Campaign Finance Disclosure Revisions** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies provisions related to campaign finance disclosure.

This bill:

- ▶ requires a candidate to receive notice that they must comply with financial disclosure laws at the time the candidate files for office;
- ▶ requires candidates for state constitutional office and the Legislature and applicable local candidates to receive notice of the obligation to file a pre-convention report when the candidate files for office;
- ▶ consolidates definitions for clarity and consistency;

- ▶ clarifies the election officer's obligations to provide notice that certain campaign financial statements are due;
- ▶ provides that the election officer is not required to send advance notice of the requirement to file a report due before a convention or a report due in relation to a public hearing conducted on a proposed initiative;
- ▶ specifies what information the notices sent by the election officer must contain;
- ▶ requires that election-related financial reports that were previously due on September 15, are due by August 31;
- ▶ requires that reports due on August 31 be filed by every candidate, rather than only by those that are opposed;
- ▶ requires that year end summary reports that were previously due on January 5, are due by January 10;
- ▶ removes outdated filing guidelines;
- ▶ requires that reports due before a political convention or primary election be filed by all candidates, rather than only by those candidates that are opposed in the political convention or primary election;
- ▶ requires that beginning with the 2008 regular general election, a former candidate for state office, legislative office, or school board office must file an annual summary report by January 10 of each year if the former candidate has not filed a statement of dissolution of the former candidate's campaign account;
- ▶ requires that political action committees be required to file a statement of organization after making expenditures of \$50 or more, rather than \$750, in order to be consistent with the threshold for political issues committees;
- ▶ removes requirements for corporations to file reports on March 1 and June 1 in relation to donations to political issues committees;
- ▶ removes requirements for political issues committees to file reports on March 1 and June 1;
- ▶ provides that all filers have five days after the reporting period ends to prepare a financial report;
- ▶ adds a requirement for political issues committees to file a financial report at the time a verified referendum packet is submitted;
- ▶ requires a state school board office candidate to file a May 15 financial report; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** S.B. 22 Timing of Ballot Items** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code relating to deadlines for submission of ballot questions.

This bill:

- ▶ requires that, unless otherwise specifically provided for by law, all ballot questions be submitted to the elections officer at least 60 days before the date of the election.

*** S.B. 23 Revision to Polling Requirements** *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending pollbook provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ repeals the requirement that the local clerk or recorder transmit the pollbook (the record of names of voters) to the county clerk after the canvass of a November municipal election, local district election, bond election, or special election.

6th Sub. S.B. 38 Transparency in Government *(Sen. W. Niederhauser)*

This bill modifies the Utah Administrative Services Code by providing that certain public financial information be made available on the Internet and modifies certain notice requirements of the Open and Public Meetings Act.

This bill:

- ▶ extends the date that notice of open and public meetings must be placed on the Utah Public Notice Website from April 1, 2008 to October 1, 2008;
- ▶ prohibits a court from voiding a final action taken by a public body for failure to comply with the posting written notice requirements on the Utah Public Notice Website if the posting is made for a meeting that is held prior to April 1, 2009;
- ▶ provides for definitions;
- ▶ creates the Utah Public Finance Website for the purpose of providing public financial information, and provides that it be administered by the Division of Finance;
- ▶ requires state entities to provide public financial information that will be accessed through the Utah Public Finance Website;
- ▶ provides the required capabilities of the website, and provides for website accessibility;
- ▶ creates the Utah Transparency Advisory Board to:
 - advise the Division of Finance on website implementation and administration and on what public financial information must be made available on the Internet; and
 - to develop plans, make recommendations, and evaluate the cost effectiveness of implementing certain information resources on the website;
- ▶ provides that the Division of Finance, in connection with the board, may make rules to:
 - determine what public financial information must be made available on the Internet;
 - require specific reporting obligations that are required of participating entities, including the frequency and form of submission of the information; and
 - establish minimum website capability requirements; and
- ▶ provides for board membership and other duties.

1st Sub. S.B. 53 Use of Initiative and Referendum for Administrative Land Use and Zoning Matters *(Sen. B. Goodfellow)*

This bill modifies the Election Code relating to initiatives and referenda.

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits the use of local initiatives for land use ordinances or changes in land use ordinances; and
- ▶ prohibits voters from requiring the implementation of a land use ordinance to be submitted to voters.

1st Sub. S.B. 54 Initiative and Referendum Petition Amendments *(Sen. B. Goodfellow)*

This bill modifies provisions that govern requirements for state and local initiative petitions and local referendum petitions.

This bill:

- ▶ requires that a law that is proposed through a state or local initiative contain a title that clearly expresses the subject of the proposed law;
- ▶ requires that a law proposed through a state or local initiative contain only one subject;
- ▶ changes the deadline for submitting signature packets for statewide initiative petitions

- from June 1 to April 15;
- ▶ changes the deadline for submitting signature packets for local initiatives and local referenda from 120 days before the election to April 15;
- ▶ changes signature verification deadlines, circulation finance disclosure deadlines, and appeal deadlines to accommodate the change in the deadline for submitting the signature packets;
- ▶ moves referenda provisions related to the imposition of a county option sales tax ordinance from Title 59, Revenue and Taxation, to the Election Code;
- ▶ provides that uniform signature verification timelines be applied to all local referenda; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

1st Sub. S.B. 77 Revisions to Government Records Access Management Act *(Sen. M. Dayton)*

This bill modifies Title 63, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act, by amending sharing of records between government entities provisions and protected records provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ amends sharing provisions to provide procedures for sharing records with the Legislature; and
- ▶ clarifies that all bids, including bids and applications submitted in response to requests for proposals and grants, are public records after the contract or grant has been awarded.

1st Sub. S.B. 113 Access to Research Workers' Personal Information *(Sen. G. Bell)*

This bill modifies the Government Records Access and Management Act to add protected status to certain information.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the name, addresses, and phone numbers of individuals who perform, or provide supplies or services for, medical or scientific research at an institution within the state system of higher education that is conducted using animals be classified as protected documents.

S.B. 114 Notary Public Revision *(Sen. G. Bell)*

This bill modifies the Notaries Public Reform Act by amending disqualification provisions from performing a notary act.

This bill:

- ▶ allows an attorney to notarize a document when the attorney is named in the document if the attorney is only named as representing a signer or another person named in the document; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 125 High School Voter Registration *(Sen. K. VanTassell)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending certain provisions for registering high school seniors to vote.

This bill:

- ▶ repeals the requirement that school districts and accredited nonpublic schools provide an estimate to the county clerk of the number of students who are 17 years old;
- ▶ allows, rather than requires, the county clerk to provide by-mail voter registration forms

- ▶ to high schools;
- ▶ allows, rather than requires, high schools to include the forms in senior registration packets, collect the forms, and forward them to the county clerk;
- ▶ repeals the requirement that public school districts and accredited nonpublic schools provide voter registration forms to students; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

2nd Sub. S.B. 144 Parameters on Governor's Ability to Enter Agreements Binding the State

(Sen. S. Jenkins)

This bill requires legislative approval of certain interstate agreements.

This bill:

- ▶ provides definitions;
- ▶ requires legislative approval of certain interstate agreements entered into on or after May 5, 2008; and
- ▶ provides certain exceptions.

S.B. 147 Candidate Filing Requirements *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending declaration of candidacy provisions for candidates claiming impecuniosity.

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits a person from claiming that the person is unable to pay a candidate filing fee when that person is able to pay;
- ▶ allows a filing clerk to request a financial statement from an individual who files an affidavit of impecuniosity;
- ▶ adds the language "under penalty of law for false statements" to the affidavit of impecuniosity, which is used by candidates claiming they are unable to pay the candidate filing fee;
- ▶ provides that a person may be removed from the ballot if the person is convicted of filing a false statement in relation to an affidavit of impecuniosity or a financial statement;
- ▶ requires a filing clerk to provide a notice of the penalties for making a false statement; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 193 Election Law Changes *(Sen. P. Knudson)*

This bill modifies the Election Code by amending certain election offense, penalty, and residency provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ amends the penalty for bribing a voter or accepting a bribe as a voter to a third degree felony;
- ▶ amends the penalty for fraudulently voting or interfering with an election to a class A misdemeanor;
- ▶ amends the penalty for wilfully hindering voting to a class C misdemeanor;
- ▶ requires that a person who applies for voter registration must reside within the voting district or precinct in which the person applies to register to vote;
- ▶ clarifies that a person resides in a voting precinct if the person's principal place of residence is in the voting precinct;
- ▶ replaces the term "qualified and entitled" with the term "eligible" when describing a

- ▶ person who may register to vote;
- ▶ amends the penalty for voting in another person's name to a class A misdemeanor; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 221 Capital Development and Improvement Amendments *(Sen. L. Hillyard)*

This bill modifies requirements governing capital developments and capital improvements.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Building Board's report on capital improvements to contain certain information about single and multiple capital improvement projects;
- ▶ authorizes the State Building Board to phase fund certain capital improvement projects if it first obtains legislative approval; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

S.B. 239 Office of the Attorney General - Safety Net Initiative *(Sen. C. Bramble)*

This bill modifies provisions in the Attorney General chapter and establishes the Safety Net Initiative and task force within the Office of the Attorney General.

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the attorney general to employ investigators, prosecutors, and necessary support staff to administer special duties assigned to the attorney general;
- ▶ provides definitions;
- ▶ creates the Safety Net Initiative within the Office of the Attorney General to facilitate communication and coordinate efforts to provide services to men, women, and children who may be subject to crimes including domestic violence, sexual abuse, or maltreatment in certain communities;
- ▶ establishes the Safety Net Initiative Task Force;
- ▶ permits the attorney general to hire support staff to administer the Safety Net Initiative and task force; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 247 Veterans Procurement Provisions *(Sen. F. Fife)*

This bill appropriates General Fund monies to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to fund certain outreach programs to veterans and their families.

This bill:

- ▶ appropriates \$30,000 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to fund increased efforts to provide information and assist veterans and their families to get the benefits and services currently available to them.

S.C.R. 3 Resolution Supporting Observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day *(Sen. J. Greiner)*

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Utah citizens and government entities to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff each year on May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day.

* Indicates bills recommended by the Government Operations Interim Committee during the 2007 interim (10 of 11 passed)